

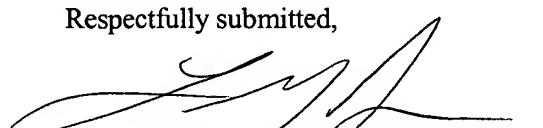
**Remarks/Arguments:**

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In original claims 7 and 9 (independent claims), there exist minor typographical errors that do not affect the scope of the claims, but serve as the basis of the Examiner's rejection under §112. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended accordingly. In view of these amendments, it is respectively submitted that claims 7 and 9, as well as claim 8 (dependent upon claim 7) are in proper condition for allowance.

It is further submitted that an information disclosure statement was timely submitted, via facsimile transmission, on June 8, 2004 (over two weeks before the date of the Examiner's action and a week prior to the Examiner's signature on the action); however, the Examiner does not indicate that the IDS was reviewed prior to rendering the action. Some of the references made of record by the Examiner are cited in Applicants' IDS, namely Sargent, et al. (U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,709,197; 5,988,941; and 5,915,877), Bishop et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,174,106) and Wood II (U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,360). However, the Applicants respectively request consideration of the other U.S. patents listed in the IDS, which include Applicants' earlier patent (U.S. Pat. No. 6,470,816). U.S. Pat. No. 6,470,816 discloses exemplary watercraft lift designs that may be used in combination with Applicants' claimed invention in the current patent application (see Figs. 11-20, paragraph [034], and claims 9-11). Claims 9-11 include limitations directed to the watercraft lift designs described and claimed in Applicants' U.S. Pat. No. 6,470,813. Consideration of the remaining references cited in the Applicants' IDS is also requested (i.e. U.S. Pat. No. 4,686,920 to Thomas, U.S. Pat. No. 5,051,027 to Horton, and U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,230,639 and 6,640,736 to McLaughlin, et al.), all of which were cited in Applicants' earlier patent (i.e. U.S. Pat. No. 6,470,816).

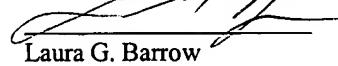
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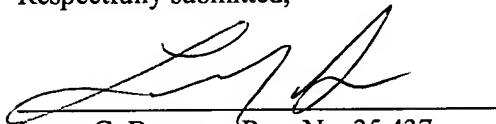
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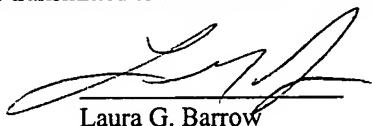
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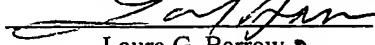
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